

CASA Interview Questions - Interview with Child (1 of 2)

Although you wish to gather information from the child, it is important to build rapport first and not bombard him/her with questions. Make it more of a conversation that takes place over several visits.

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| Name of Child: | Date and Time: |
| Place of Interview: | CASA/GAL Volunteer: |
| Placement Phone #: | Case Name: |
| Name of Interviewer: | File #: |
| <p>1. The child's feelings about . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This placement:• Whether he/she feels safe here:• His/her sibling(s):• Being separated from his/her parent(s):• Visitation and telephone contact with parent(s) and sibling(s): | |
| <p>2. The child's interests/hobbies/friends: <i>(to establish strengths and to discover ways to support the child and normalize his/her experience in care)</i></p> | |
| <p>3. This child has already discussed the allegations in the petition with the following persons: <i>(It is not the CASA/GAL Advocate's role to re-interview the child about those allegations unless the child wants to discuss them—and even then proceed cautiously because the child may have already been traumatized by multiple interviews, and/or there may be criminal matters pending.)</i></p> | |

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4. Unsolicited, the child provided the following additional information about the underlying allegations:

5. The child would like the following needs to be addressed or options to be explored:

6. The other people living in this home are:

7. The child's sleeping arrangements are:

8. The child's after-school arrangements are:

9. The child has medical or mental health needs that are being addressed by:

10. The child's primary caretaker provided the following information about the child:

- Sleeping habits:
- Eating habits:
- Interactions with other family members:
- School performance and attitude toward school:
- Other:

11. Other relatives or family friends who might be resources on this case are:

12. My observations about this child are: